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SUBJ: NORWEGIAN ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL

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BEGIN SUMMARY: THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT HAS PUBLISHED A
REPORT OUTLINING NORWEGIAN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL. THE REPORT

REVIEWS ASSISTANCE AGREED UPON BY THE MIXED
PORTUGUESE-NORWEGIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION AND PROPOSES A
SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION OF 6,680 KRONERS OR \$1.2
MILLION (\$1 EQUALS 5.5 NKR) FOR 1975. A BILL ON FINANCING AID
TO PORTUGAL DURING 1976 WILL BE PRESENTED EARLY IN 1976.

END SUMMARY:

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1. THE REPORT REVIEWS ASSISTANCE AGREED UPON BY THE MIXED ECONOMIC COMMISSION IN THE FISHERIES AND FORESTRY SECTORS(REFTELS B AND C) AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND THE OIL INDUSTRY(REFTEL A) ADDITIONALLY, 6,680,000KRONER IS REQUESTED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO FUND ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL FOR THE REMAINDER OF 1975. THIS SUM INCLUDES AN APPROPRIATION OF FIVE MILLION KRONER FOR THE PURCHASE OF NORWEGIAN PREFABRICATED HOUSING TO BE USED BY RETURNING PORTUGUESE CITIZENS FROM ANGOLA. THE REMAINING FUNDS WILL BE USED IN THE SECTORS COVERED BY THE MIXED ECONOMIC COMMISSION. THE REPORT ALSO PROPOSES TO MAKE ONE MILLION KRONER AVAILABLE TO PORTUGAL FOR HUMANITARIAN RELIEF WORK AMONG REFUGEES RETURNING FROM ANGOLA. THIS CONTRIBUTION, TO BE USED FOR FOOD,MEDICINES,CLOTHES, AND BLANKETS, WILL BE CHANNELLED THROUGH THE PORTUGUESE ORGANIZATION "INSTITUTO DE ASSISTANCIA AOS RETORNADOS NACIONAIS" (AIRN).

2. PER GULOWEEN,ACTING DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, STATED THAT A BILL ON ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL DURING 1976 WILL BE PRESENTED TO PARLIAMENT EARLY NEXT YEAR. HE ALSO SAID THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL ASK FOR SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN AID TO PORTUGAL NEXT YEAR.

3. NORWAY ACTIVELY SUPPORTED ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR PORTUGAL WITHIN EFTA.

THE RECENT EFTA MEETING IN GENEVA(NOV 3-5) AGREED TO APPROPRIATE ABOUT \$100MILLION TO THIS FUND. EFTA COUNTRIES WILL ALSO EASE THEIR IMPORT REGULATIONS FOR PORTUGUESE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND ALLOW PORTUGAL TO MAINTAIN ITS PROTECTIVE TARIFFS ON SOME OF ITS INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS.

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